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STATEMENT OF IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT

January 16, 1938

Even after the capture of Nanking, the Japanese Government has till now continued to be patient with a view to afford a final opportunity to the Chinese National Government for a reconsideration of their attitude. However, the Chinese Government, without appreciating the true intention of Japan, blindly persisted in their opposition against Japan, with no consideration either for the people in their miserable plight within the country or externally for the peace and tranquility of all East Asia. Accordingly, the Japanese Government will cease from henceforward to deal with the national Government, will look forward to the establishment and development of a new Chinese regime, with which we can harmoniously cooperate and genuinely rely upon. With such a regime the Imperial Government will fully co-operate for the adjustment of Sino-Japanese relations, and for the building up of a rejuvenated new China. It is needless to state that this involves no change in the policy adopted by the Japanese Government of respecting the territorial integrity and sovereignty of China as well as the rights and interests of other Powers in China.

Hence, Japan's responsibilities for the maintenance of peace in East Asia are heavier now than ever before.

It is the fervent hope of the Government that the people will put forth still greater efforts toward the accomplishment of this important task incumbent on the nation.

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Jap Govt announces it will cease to deal with the Nat Govt.

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三、帝國政府聲明（昭和十三年一月十六日）

帝國政府ハ南京攻略後尙支那國民政府ノ反省ニ最後ノ機會ヲ與フルタメ
今日ニ及ヘリ然ルニ國民政府ハ帝國ノ真意ヲ解セス漫リニ抗戰ヲ策シ内
民人羣衆ノ苦ミヲ察セス外東亞全局ノ和平ヲ慮ミル所ナシ仍テ帝國政府
ハ爾後國民政府ヲ對手トセス帝國ト眞ニ提携スルニ足ル新興支那政權ヲ
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